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PROCEDURE FOR LEAVING THE COUNTRY WHILE WAITING FOR A RESIDENCY PERMIT

Mozambican immigrations has been slow in its issuance of the new biometric residency permits. In cases where foreigners need to leave the country during the time that their application is being processed it is necessary to apply for an exit declaration (declaração de saída) from the Immigration Authorities.

Submission of a letter addressed to the Director of Immigration (one letter per applicant), with receipt for the residence permit applied for and the title page of passport;

Payment of 126.70Mt per applicant

Issuing of the document takes between one day and one week depending on the availability of someone to sign it.

A new declaration is required for each journey.

REDUCTION OF MOZAMBICAN VISA AND DIRE PRICES

There has been an official decree from the Ministry of the Interior to lower the current prices of the Mozambican tourist visa and DIRE's. The tourist visa will soon reduce to \$45 and the DIRE price should come down to around \$580.

The prices should come into immediate effect, however, immigrations has reported it will take some time to reapply the changes to the system. People will continue to be charged the old prices until the updates are complete.

RESUMPTION OF CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD CERTIFICATES

The Department of State has resumed the issuance of the Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) certificates. The process has now changed in that the certificate will not be printed at the Embassy, it will be printed at a U.S. printing center and then Fed Ex'd back to the Embassy.



Please keep in mind that this process will take 7 - 10 business days. Once the CRBA arrives the passport can be processed which also takes 7 - 10 business days. The initial family interview for the registration of a child until the passport actually arrives can take up to 20 days, so parents should plan accordingly.

Please note, you may apply for both the CRBA and passport for your newborn at the same time. Families who live far from Maputo technically only need to visit the Embassy once for the entire process.

"Why do YOU vote?" Voting Slogan Contest

Now is your chance to express your thoughts on the importance of voting by entering the 2011 FVAP Voting Slogan Contest and Poster Contest. The **April 8, 2011** deadline for submissions is fast approaching.



The winning contest entries will be used to promote interest in the electoral process among military members, their families and U.S. citizens worldwide for the 2012 presidential election year. It is easy to participate via use of Challenge.gov.

The FVAP Poster Contest seeks artwork illustrating the importance of and/or how it feels to be an American citizen voting absentee from anywhere in the world. This artwork will be used to create the 2012 voting poster and Voting Assistance Guide cover. The FVAP Poster Contest details are located at [FVAP.gov](http://fvap.gov) and <http://challenge.gov/challenges/116>. All artistic skill levels are encouraged to create and submit entries.

The FVAP Slogan Contest asks for slogan ideas that inspire members of the military, their families and U.S. Citizens residing overseas to start or continue to participate in elections while away from home and can be found at [FVAP.gov](http://fvap.gov) and <http://challenge.gov/challenges/115>. The slogan will also be used on the 2012 Voting poster.

All submissions must include your full name, branch of service (if military), mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number (phone and fax numbers should include all necessary country/city codes or DSN prefixes) and e-mail address (if applicable).

To submit your entry:

**On-line:** Go to Challenge.gov using the links above or type "FVAP" in the search bar to find these challenges. Use the orange "Post a Submission" button to upload your entries.

**E-mail:** [slogan@fvap.gov](mailto:slogan@fvap.gov). One slogan or poster per e-mail including contact information.